

The history

Agam. Why will he not vpon our faire request,
Vntent his person, and share th'ayre with vs.

Vliss. Things small as nothing, for requests sake onely,
He makes important. posselt he is with greatnesse,
And speakes not to himselfe but with a pride,
That quarrels at selfe breath. Imagind worth,
Holds in his bloud such swolne and hott discourse,
That twixt his mentall and his actiue parts,
Kingdomd *Achilles* in commotion rages,
And batters downe himselfe. What should I say,
He is so plagueie proud, that the death tokens of it,
Crie no recouerie.

Agam. Let *Ajax* go to him,
Deire Lord, go you, and greete him in his tent,
'Tis said he holds you well, and will be lead,
At our request a litt'e from himselfe.

Vliss. O *Agamemnon* let it not be so,
Weele consecrate the steps that *Ajax* makes,
When they go from *Achilles*: shall the proud Lord
That basts his arrogance with his owne seame,
And neuer suffers matter of the world
Enter his thoughts, saue such as doth reuolue,
And ruminare him-selfe: shall he be worshippt,
Of that we hold an idoll more then hee,
No: this thrice worthy and right valiant Lord,
Shall not so staule his palme nobly acquird,
Nor by my will aslubiugate his merit,
As amply liked as *Achilles* is, by going to *Achilles*,
That were to enlard his fat already pride,
And adde more coles to *Cancer* when he burnes,
With entertaining great *Hiperion*,
This Lord go to him. *Iupiter* forbid,
And say in thunder *Achilles* go to him.

Nest. O this is well, he rubs the vaine of him.

Diom. And how his silence drinks vp his applause,

Aia. If I go to him: with my armed fist ile push him ore the

Agam. O no, you shall not goe,

Aia. And he be proud with me, Ile phe'e his pride,
Let me goe to him.

Vliss.

of *Troilus* and *Cresseida*.

Vliss. Not for the worth that hangs vpon our quarrell.

Ajax. A paltry insolent fellow.

Nest. How he describes him selfe.

Ajax. Can he not be sociable.

Vliss. The *Rauen* chides blacknesse.

Ajax. Ile tell his humorous bloud.

Agam. Hee wilbe the phisition, that should bee the paci-
ent.

Ajax. And all men were of my minde.

Vliss. Wit would bee out of fashion.

Ajax. A should not beare it so, a should eate swords fust?
shall pride carry it?

Nest. And two'od yow'd carry halfe.

Ajax. A would haue ten shares. I will kneade him, Ile
make him supple, he's not yet through warme?

Nest. Force him with praiers poure in, poure, his ambition
is drie.

Vliss. My Lord you feed to much on this dislike.

Nest. Our noble generall do not do so?

Diom. Von must prepare to fight without *Achilles*.

Vliss. Why tis this naming of him do's him harme,

Here is a man but tis before his face, I wilbe silent.

Nest. Wherefore should you so?

He is not emulous as *Achilles* is.

Vliss. Know the whole world hee is as valiant

Ajax. A hoarson dog that shall palter with vs thus, would
he were a *Trojan*?

Nest. What a vice were it in *Ajax* now?

Vliss. If hee were proude.

Diom. Or couetous of praise.

Vliss. I or surly borne.

Diom. Or strange or selfe affected.

Vliss. Thank the heauens Lord, thou art of sweet composure

Praise him that gat thee, thee that gaue thee suck:

Fam'd be thy tutor, and thy parts of nature,

Thrice fam'd beyond all thy erudition:

But hee that disciplind thine armes to fight,

Let *Mars* diuide eternity in twaine,

And giue him halfe, and for thy vigour:

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